



GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF CANADA  
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LEGEND FOR SURFICIAL GEOLOGY  
OF  
KNEE LAKE (53 M)  
MANITOBA

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| GEOLOGIC MAP UNIT | MATERIAL                                 | LANDFORM   |   | ASSUMED THICKNESS<br>(range in feet) | ORGANIC DEPOSITS AND PERMAFROST   | GENERAL COMMENTS   |
|-------------------|--|--|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|
|                   |  | ORIGIN   | TOPOGRAPHY  |                                      |   |  |
| SFn(c)            | Sand, silt and gravel                    | Proglacial outwash                                     | Broad knoll or series of knolls from 10 to 50 feet above adjacent terrain   | 10 to 50                             | Generally thin or absent  | Good source of fine to coarse aggregate  |
| (S,G) Ft(k,c)     |  | Proglacial outwash terrace                             | Gently irregular, channelled (c) or pitted (k) surfaces with up to 50 feet of local relief  |                                      |   |  |
| SFv               |  | Proglacial outwash                                     | Surface reflects topography of underlying material  | 0 to 10                              |   | Bog and fen form a nearly continuous cover over the plains, here and there it is broken by bedrock outcrops; bog is generally 2 to 9 feet thick and permafrost occurs at 1 to 4 foot depth |
| CLv               | Clay and silt                            | Glacial lake   | Surface reflects topography of underlying material; local relief is from 5 to 25 feet   |                                      |   |  |
| (S,G)I (h,n,r,k)  | Sand and gravel                          | Ice-contact outwash, mostly kames and eskers           | Ridges and knolls that occur as isolated landforms or as broad, pitted rises along trends continuous for tens of miles; local relief ranges from 10 to 100 feet | 10 to 100                            | Generally thin or absent  | Good source of mainly sand and some gravel   |
| TM(p,d,e)         | Sandy till high in igneous rock detritus | Ground moraine   | Gently irregular or broadly rolling till plains with 5 to 25 feet of local relief; includes areas of drumlins or drumloids in part eroded by lake water         | 0 to 50                              | Bog and fen form a nearly continuous cover over the plains or in low areas between drumlins and bedrock knolls; bog is 2 to 9 feet thick and permafrost occurs at 1 to 4 foot depth | Till is mostly a mixture of fairly loose silt, sand and gravel, particularly on the eroded drumlin crests  |
| TMv(e)            |  |  | Surface reflects topography of underlying material  | 0 to 10                              |   |  |
| Rnp               | Precambrian bedrock                      | Topography developed by Preglacial and glacial erosion | Mostly areas of knolls (n) with 15 to 50 feet relief; some gently irregular areas (p) in part veneered with drift   | not applicable                       | Bog and fen cover low areas between knolls and bedrock outcrops; bog is 2 to 9 feet thick and permafrost occurs at 1 to 4 foot depth beyond the bog margins                         | Bedrock exposures are discontinuous and patchy   |

TEXTURAL  
(large capital letter)

G - gravel and sand  
S - sand and silt  
C - silt and clay  
T - till  
R - bedrock

GENERIC  
(small capital letter)

F - glaciofluvial  
L - glaciolacustrine  
I - ice-contact  
M - morainal

MORPHOLOGIC  
(lower case letter)

h - hill(s) (>50' relief)  
n - knoll(s) (<50' relief)  
r - ridge(s)  
p - plain  
v - veneer (commonly 2' to 10' thick)  
k - kettles  
t - terraces  
d - drumlinoid  
e - eroded  
c - channelled

Boundaries (geologic, geologic and organic, organic) . . . . .

Drumlin or drumloid . . . . .  
Esker (direction flow assumed, uncertain) . . . . .  
Meltwater channel or spillway . . . . .  
Escarpment or steep bank . . . . .  
Helicopter landing site . . . . .

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Complex Units: A horizontal line ——— separating two units indicates a veneer unit overlying a thicker and morphologically dominant unit e.g.  $\frac{CLv}{Rn}$

Composite Units: A single slash / or double slash // between two units is used to designate areas where two distinctive units (mineral or organic) occur but are mapped as one unit. The first unit indicated comprises more than 50 per cent (rough estimate) of the area; the second unit designated comprises from 25 to 50 per cent where separated by a single slash e.g.  $\frac{CLv}{Rn} / CLb$  or less than 25 per cent where separated by a double slash e.g.  $\frac{CLv}{Rn} // CLb$

Organic Units: Organic deposits designated as bog (1) and fen (2) cover the surficial sediments and bedrock in most of the low-lying poorly drained parts of the map-area. Bog is composed of peat material several ft. or more above the water table; permafrost commonly occurs at a depth of 1 to 4 ft. depending upon local factors (tree cover, slope, drainage, etc.). Fen is peat covered by shallow water or water covered by a floating peat blanket and permafrost is absent.